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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 2442

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SUBJECT: BAHRAINI FOREIGN MINISTER ON US ABSTENTION

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR NOV 7 THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD REASONS FOR US ABSTENTION, AND INDEED, THAT HE HAD EXPECTED IT DESPITE EGYPTIAN DISCLAIMERS, BUT FELT US HAD MADE TACTICAL ERROR IN GIVING EGYPTIANS IMPRESSION THAT US WOULD SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH STUCK STRICTLY TO ISSUE OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS. FONMIN SAID THAT IN ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERS' MEETINGS IN NEW YORK

EGYPTIANS HAD BEEN ABLE TO HOLD RESOLUTION TO THIS SUBJECT BY STATING THAT US WOULD SUPPORT RESOLUTION SO LIMITED. RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, EGYPTIANS THEREFORE FELT LET DOWN BY US AND EMBARRASSED IN EYES OF FELLOW ARABS.

2. ON SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTION, FONMIN SAID HE FELT EXPLANATION OF VOTE WAS "EXCELLENT" AND THAT ARABS SHOULD NOT OVER-REACT WHEN USG, IN PURSUIT OF WISE MIDDLE EAST POLICIES, OCCASIONALLY MUST TAKE THREE STEPS FORWARD AND ONE OR TWO STEPS BACK. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PROCEDURE NECESSARY IN US DOMESTIC POLITICAL TERMS AND, AS LONG AS PRESIDENT CARTER CONTINUES TO STICK TO HIS GUNS ON THE ESSENTIALS, ARABS SHOULD NOT GET SO EXCITED. IN REGARD TO ESSENTIALS OF US MIDDLE EAST POLICY, FONMIN ASKED WHETHER AMBASSADOR SAW IN RECENT SULZBERGER ARTICLE ON NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER'S VIEWS ON FUTURE OF PALESTINE ANY DIMINUTION OF USG POSITION FAVORING "HOMELAND" FOR PALESTINIANS. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS SURE NOT BUT POINTED OUT THAT NEITHER WE NOR NUMBER OF ARAB STATES, INCLUDING BAHRAIN, REALLY FAVORED FULLY SOVEREIGN PALESTINIAN STATE WHICH MIGHT PURSUE DESTABILIZING POLICIES. SEEN IN THIS LIGHT, BRZEZINSKI'S REPORTED VIEWS PROBABLY REFLECT KIND OF THINKING WE AND OTHERS ARE AND SHOULD BE DOING TO FIND WAYS TO MEET THE ESSENTIAL "HOMELAND" CONCEPT WITHOUT DOING VIOLENCE TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REALITIES IN WEST BANK, ISRAEL, AND JORDAN.
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